

Funding Action Team

Meeting Notes

July 15, 2005

Attendance

B. Blaesing, A. Clover, J. Deming, A. Frobom, M. Frierson, D. Holt, N. Tienvieri, C. Mann, J. Niemela, T. Petko, E. Timpf, C. VanDeusen S. Maynard

Meeting Overview

(25 words or less)

Theresa Petko opened discussion. Updates on Reauthorization, MDOT Budget, and the Innovative Finance Sub team were given along with a presentation by Jeffrey Pillon on "Outlook for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel." Correction to June 17 meeting notes: Ron Reid, Kalamazoo County Road Commission, was in attendance representing Reed Youngs.

Meeting Notes

Reauthorization Update: overall funding level is set at \$286.4 billion. Transit will receive 18.57 percent of the overall funding, splitting the percentages provided in the House and Senate bills. Lead conferees hoped to achieve a minimum 92 percent return of state fuel tax contributions by the last year of the bill. There will be a 60/40 split of \$16 billion in projects earmarked between the House and Senate and a 50/50 split of certain discretionary program dollars such as borders, corridors, and projects of national significance.

MDOT Budget Update: both House and Senate passed budget proposals. House took Senate proposal and zeroed it out Senate took House proposal and zeroed it out. Reconciliation is being sought.

MDOT is continuing to meet with key legislators and staff on issues.

Innovative Finance Subteam: Chris is involved in a project at SEMCOG regarding innovative financing and alternative ways of raising transportation dollars and suggested collaboration of Funding Action Team and SEMCOG group.

Chris will be scheduling a meeting with his SEMCOG Committee on Innovative Financing and the Funding Action Team members will be invited. The meeting will be held in September or October.

Brian will be giving a presentation, Creative Road Financing, at the Michigan Township Association meeting on August 12.

**Meeting Notes
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Jeffrey Pillon, Manager, Energy Data, Security and Market Monitoring, Michigan Public Service Commission, Department of Labor and Economic Growth, gave presentation on “Outlook for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel,” discussing topics such as Michigan total energy use, world oil spare production capacity, relationship between U.S. gasoline prices and crude oil costs; overall trend in the annual average of real gasoline pump prices; Michigan gasoline consumption over the last 15 years (declined 2.7% in 2004-05); gasoline demand forecast; regional gasoline supply and demand for Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee; and long-term U.S. energy outlook.

The following websites include subjects such as Michigan energy appraisal and gas conservation: <http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/mpsc/reports/energy>
<http://michigan.gov/gasprices> .

Questions may be directed to Jeffrey Pillon at jpillo@michigan.gov.

**2005
Meeting
Dates**

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1. Friday, August 19 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
 2. Friday, September 16 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
 3. Friday, October 21 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
 3. Friday, November 18 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

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Meeting Agenda**

**August 19, 2005
9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

- 1. Reauthorization Update**
- 2. MDOT 2006 Budget Update**
- 3. Innovative Finance Sub team**
- 4. Brett Smith, Center for Automotive Research**